

1                   **DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

2                   As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

4                   My residence, post office address and citizen ship are as stated below next to my name.

5                   I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first  
6                   and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a  
7                   patent is sought on the invention entitled: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING RISK THAT A**  
**THROWN TOY WILL INJURE AN ANIMAL** the specification of which:

8                   (check one) xx is attached hereto. \_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

9                   I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification,  
10                  including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

11                  I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this  
12                  application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

13                  I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §§ 119; 365 of any foreign  
14                  application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign  
15                  application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which the  
priority is claimed:

16                   **Prior Foreign Application(s)**

			Priority Claimed	
N/A (Number)	(Country)	Day/month/year filed	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §156(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing of this application:

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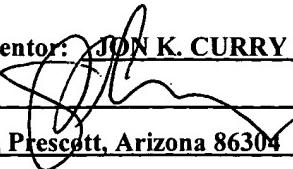
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my attorney and will full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

**Wherefor I pray that Letters Patent be**

granted to me for the invention or discover described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, this petition.

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1                   **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

2                   **Applicant : JON K. CURRY** )  
3                   **Serial No. :** )  
4                   **Filed : Concurrently herewith** )  
5                   **For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING** )  
6                   **RISK THAT A THROWN TOY WILL INJURE** )  
7                   **AN ANIMAL** )

8                   **DECLARATION VERIFYING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
9                   **UNDER 27 C.F.R. 19(f) AND 1.27(b)**

10                  Asst. Commissioner of Patents  
11                  Washington, D.C. 20231

12                  Dear Sir:

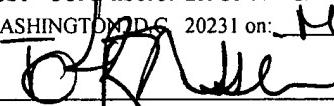
13                  As a named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37  
14                  C.F.R. 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under § 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the  
15                  Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-identified patent.

16                  I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract  
17                  or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights the invention to any person who could not be classified as  
18                  an independent inventor under 27 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which  
19                  would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37  
20                  C.F.R. 1.9 (e). Any person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or  
21                  am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is  
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12     I acknowledge the duty to file, in this patent, notification of any change in status resulting in  
13 loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or  
14 any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. [37 C.F.R.  
15 1.28(b)]

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20 both, under §1001 to Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the  
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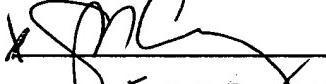
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